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Compare fractions - word problems

1. A wood construction company found out that $\frac{3}{4}$ of their employees buys mostly salad during lunch break and $\frac{7}{9}$ buy fruits. Which purchase is made by a greater fraction of employees?
2. Last year, Miss Ella finished marking $\frac{5}{9}$ of her tests scripts in just two days. While talking about this with Miss Sarah, Miss Sarah laughed and said she marked $\frac{7}{10}$ of her scripts in just a day. Who has marked a greater fraction of her tests scripts?
3. Two close neighbors Mike and Stanley, went to a neighborhood store to buy some fruits. Stanley bought $\frac{3}{7}$ of the apples stock while Mike bought $\frac{5}{17}$ of the apples stock.
Which of the neighbors bought a lesser fraction of apples stock?
4. Mrs. Jones made two cakes, vanilla and red velvet that were exactly the same size and took it to a get together party. She cut the vanilla cake into 12 equal slices and the red velvet cake into 8 equal slices. People ate 6 slices of vanilla cake and 4 slices of red velvet cake. Did they eat less of vanilla or red velvet cake?
5. Today, Brandon's electronics' store sold $\frac{7}{10}$ Samsung galaxy phones. In the same neighborhood, Mr. Jones' electronics' store sold $\frac{1}{5}$ Samsung galaxy phones. If the two stores sold the same types of Samsung galaxy phones, which electronic store sold a smaller fraction of its phones?

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▶ fraction of employees that buys salad: $\frac{3}{4}$ → **Compare** $\frac{3}{4} < \frac{7}{9}$

▶ fraction of employees that buys fruits: $\frac{7}{9}$

Therefore, a greater fraction of employees buys fruits.

2. ▶ fraction marked by Miss Ella: $\frac{5}{9}$.
▶ fraction marked by Miss Sarah: $\frac{7}{10}$.

→ **Compare** $\frac{7}{10} > \frac{5}{9}$

Therefore, Miss Sarah has marked a greater portion of her test scripts.

3. ▶ fraction of apples bought by Mike: $\frac{3}{7}$.
▶ fraction of apples bought by Stanley: $\frac{5}{17}$.

→ **Compare** $\frac{5}{17} < \frac{3}{7}$

Therefore, Stanley bought a lesser fraction of apples.

4. ▶ Fraction of the vanilla cake people ate = $\frac{1}{2}$.
▶ Fraction of the red velvet cake people ate = $\frac{1}{2}$.

→ **Compare** $\frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2}$

Therefore, they ate an equal fraction of vanilla cake and red velvet cake since $\frac{1}{2}$ is equal to $\frac{1}{2}$

5. ▶ Fraction of the phone Brandon's electronics' store sold = $\frac{7}{10}$.
▶ Fraction of the phone Mr. Jones electronics' store sold = $\frac{1}{5}$.

→ **Compare** $\frac{7}{10} > \frac{1}{5}$

Therefore, Mr. Jones electronics' store sold a smaller fraction of its phones since $\frac{1}{5}$ is less than $\frac{7}{10}$